



## District 10 Newsletter

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## A Note From Metro Council President Jim King

Dear Neighbor,

We have so much going on in District 10 and in my role as President of the Metro Council I barely have room for it all in our newsletter. It wouldn't be possible to keep all the balls in the air without my great staff so I thank them and ask you to do the same when you can.

I also want to thank you for this opportunity to serve our community. Public service can be very rewarding.

## Renovations To Begin at Nightingale

It is a new day for 65 families in Metro Louisville's District 10. They will soon have the chance to move into safe, affordable housing.

I was able to secure a \$500,000 Metro grant for the renovation of the units in the 1400 block of Nightingale Road. This allows us to partner with funding from the Housing Partnership Inc. (HPI), a non-profit organization that obtained a \$1,700,000 private bank loan along with \$600,000 from Attorney General Jack Conway's National Mortgage Settlement Fund. HPI is not a public agency and this housing is not public housing. Rents will be raised and HPI will accept tenants who make up to \$80,000 per year (120% of median family income for the area).



*The Nightingale Apartments announcement was made September 16 by Attorney General Jack Conway and officials from Housing Partnership Inc.*

This type of partnership with Louisville Metro Government, the state and the private sector is a model for our city.

## Emerson Garden Park Movie Night

On Saturday, September 28, more than one hundred neighbors gathered at Emerson Garden Park for fun, camaraderie and a movie sponsored, in part, by District 10.

The Schnitzelburg Area Community Council hosted this night in the park where the original movie *Ghostbusters* was shown using the gazebo/pavilion I had built there last year. What a great night!

There were games, prizes and food. The “real live” Louisville Ghostbusters also made an appearance.

Bringing neighbors together is an important function of my Neighborhood Development Funds.

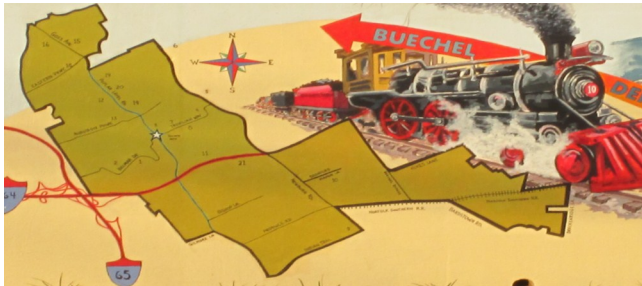


*Neighborhood children played games before the movie.*

## Senior Recycling Program

Earlier this year I funded a program for our District 10 senior citizens to purchase a recycling cart at a 50% discount. To date 85 of the 100 available carts have been purchased. The usual cost is \$50 but seniors can purchase them for \$25. Hurry to get the remaining 15 carts by calling Carrie Peers at 574-1110.

## Mural Upated — Buechel Added



On your next drive down Poplar Level Road be sure to notice the updates made to the mural at the corner of Trevilian Drive.

Our district map has been updated to reflect the new areas of District 10 that were added during redistricting. The Buechel area is depicted with a steam engine to pay homage to the historic train depot located in Buechel.

## Booker Building

I am working with the Underhill family to bring a major re-development to the Germantown/ Schnitzelburg area. The historic Booker Building will undergo renovations beginning in early 2014 that will convert the structure into about 180 apartments. In addition to the apartments, amenities such as a pool, fitness center, community garden and day care will also be added. Underhill Associates, LLC, along with the Bookers and Goss Avenue Antiques and Interiors, are undertaking this \$16 million project. The name will be Germantown Mill Lofts.

This will be a great investment in the area and should spur other development and growth along Goss Avenue. The Underhills are best known as the redevelopers of Camelot into Westport Village Shopping Center.



*Architectural drawing showing new concept for antique mall site.*



## Buechel Zoning Issue

The zoning process can sometimes feel overwhelming and complicated; however, in a recent situation in District 10 it was put to the test and worked as intended.

A business named Fringe Elements Community Center moved into 2221 Buechel Avenue. It was determined to be out of compliance with zoning so a pre-application to change zoning from industrial to commercial was filed. They represented themselves to Code and Regulations and their landlords as one type of organization; however, they were operating a totally different kind of business, a business that many construe as adult entertainment.

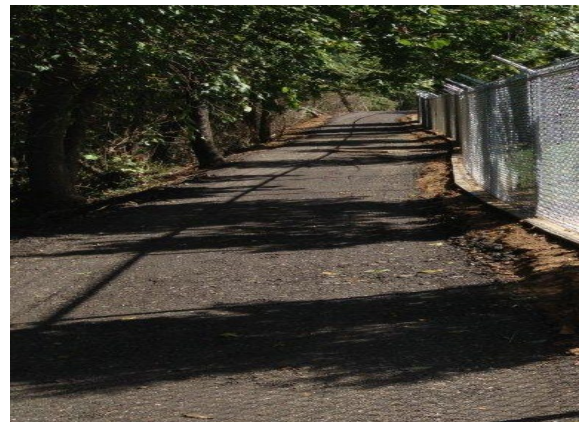
When notified of a neighborhood meeting, the community responded by having more than 200 people attend and voice their opposition to this business in their neighborhood.

When I learned the details of their zoning application, I contacted the owners of the property and explained the situation. The owners reacted as a community partner by cancelling the rezoning and asking the business to leave the property. Fringe Elements Community Center has been evicted from the property and the zoning change process has stopped.

## Zoo Trail

Finally! We have completed the pedestrian/bicycle connection between the Gardiner Lane, Colonial Hill, Kensington and Hayfield neighborhoods to Creason Park, the Louisville Zoo and the Louisville Nature Center.

Using a funding model I created, I formed a partnership with MSD, the Zoo, Public Works and District 10 to achieve a result none of us could do individually. No trees larger than a two inch caliper were removed. MSD cleaned up long-neglected erosion into Beargrass Creek while the Zoo got a new maintenance access road on the outside of their fence. District 10 now has a continuous walking/bicycling path second to none. Please get on it, use it and leave it better than you found it.



## Paving/Sidewalk Report

We have completed many paving and sidewalk projects since my last newsletter. The sidewalk on Goldsmith Lane that crosses Beargrass Creek has been repaired and made ADA accessible. Speed humps have been installed on Huon and Redwood drives. Hess Lane and Bardstown Road have been paved and a new sidewalk has been installed on Lansdowne Avenue.

Upcoming projects include sidewalk repair in Camp Taylor and on Eastern Parkway; street paving on Delor Avenue and speed hump installation on Crawford Avenue and Chevy Chase Road.

## Recent Flooding

Some District 10 residents along Elba Drive in Bashford Manor suffered extensive flooding from Beargrass Creek on October 6.

MSD must protect our homes from floods and Metro should never have issued building permits to construct these homes in a flood plain. I've called on MSD to buy these homes and they have reacted by starting a buyout process using FEMA grant funds. It's the only reasonable solution.

## Watterson Park streets moved to Hawthorne Elementary Cluster in Highlands!

*Contributed by Linda Chesser, a member of Watterson Park Council*

Several families in the city of Watterson Park expressed concerns regarding the JCPS school assignment choices for families on Regina and Annshire avenues, Mildaun Road, Conaem Drive and Gardiner Lane. All schools in the cluster were rated as low performing. The concerns were addressed with Metro Council President Jim King, and he suggested we schedule a meeting with our JCPS Board Representative, Carol Haddad. A meeting was held on June 19 with many stakeholders in the process.

First, thanks to the residents for bringing this to our attention and, secondly, for their outstanding research and preparation for the meeting. They did a phenomenal job addressing the issue. In fact, they were so well organized, JCPS Board Members used the cluster map prepared by Watterson Park residents. Also, thanks to Carol Haddad for organizing the meeting. Carol has served on the JCPS Board for 20+ years and, after several conversations with her, her interest in students' education is paramount.

This was definitely a team effort, but we want to extend a special thanks to Metro Council President Jim King for his support. Following a lengthy budget meeting with Metro Council, President King came straight to JCPS to attend our meeting regarding the school reassignment request. His arrival was the key—the tone of the meeting changed. President King addressed the JCPS staff and that was it. I am not sure the reassignment would have happened without President King's support. He understood our concerns and his influence was instrumental in the outcome. He "sealed the deal." When you have a valid concern, President King will do all in his power to make it happen.

Effective immediately, the above mentioned streets have been moved to Hawthorne Elementary School cluster in the Highlands as their residence school (2013-2014 school year).

Our appreciation goes out to President King and the JCPS Board — Thank you.

## Germantown Little League Playground

The Germantown program in our District serves hundreds of families every year and is the premier Little League program in the region. We have great volunteers, parents, children and fields, but I noticed no playground for the little ones who attend their siblings' games. So, working with the Board, I funded a playground that I believe will transform this ballpark for lots of children (and their parents too!)



*The future Germantown Little League playground.*



## District 10 Advisory Board

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## Accountability

*I believe you have the right to know how I am spending your tax dollars.*

\$ 500	Metro United Way	Volunteer income tax assistance program
2,500	Public Works SWMS	Recycling cart program for seniors
700	University of Louisville Foundation	Civil rights markers
4,000	Metro Parks	Beautification projects in medians and right of ways
250	St Joseph Children's Home	Child welfare
5,000	Louisville Soccer Alliance	Training center construction in District 10
3,000	Petersburg Community Development	Jazz in the Park Community Festival
2,000	Visually Impaired Preschoolers Services	Visually impaired children
250	LMPD	National Night Out
500	Louisville Community Design Center	The Green Institute
500	Neighborhood Place	Back to school supplies
250	Coalition for the Homeless	Stand Down for Homeless (clothing, blankets, ID cards)
300	Kentucky Alliance of Black School Educators	Central High School event for children
3,500	Louisville Zoo	World's Largest Halloween Party
2,100	Louisville Nature Center	Summer Writing Retreat
500	Coalition for the Homeless	Race to End Homelessness
500	Harbor House	Ken-Ducky Derby
35,063	Germantown Baseball	Playground equipment
9,674	Brightside	Brightside on Bardstown Road
5,904	Brightside	Brightside on Preston Highway
250	Economic Growth and Innovation	Creation of Community Development Corporation
325	Beechmont Youth Sports	Capital projects
624	Public Works SWMS	Decorative garbage can in German/Paristown
4,200	Public Works	Speed humps—Redwood Drive
1,650	Metro Parks	Update and maintenance of public art mural
4,200	Public Works	Speed humps—Huon Drive
4,200	Public Works	Speed humps—Crawford Avenue
950	Public Works	Maintenance of speed humps—Nightingale
6,300	Public Works	Speed humps—Chevy Chase Road





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## Brightsides in District 10

Two new Brightsites have been installed recently in District 10—one in the 3300 block of Preston Highway and the other on Bardstown Road at the Watterson Expressway.

On October 11, Brightside staff cleaned up and replanted a long neglected area in the 3300 block of Preston Highway, on the south side of the Norfolk Southern rail crossing.

On October 18, employees of local businesses in the neighborhood and volunteers with the Bashford Manor Neighborhood Association assisted the Brightside staff and myself in planting landscaping in the traffic island on Bardstown Road.



*President King (right) with the community volunteers that assisted Brightside.*

Both of these beautification efforts were funded with District 10 Neighborhood Development Funds.